



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



Update on COVID-19 From the Town of Needham and Needham Public Health

May 18, 2020 – The Town of Needham and Needham Public Health today provided the following update regarding COVID-19.

State DPH COVID-19 Numbers

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reporting that as of May 18, 2020 there are:

- 1,042 new cases today for a total of 87,052 cases statewide (including cases reported over the weekend)
- 7,524 cases in Norfolk County (including cases reported over the weekend)
- 65 new deaths today for a total of 5,862 deaths statewide (including cases reported over the weekend)
- 41 new cases in Needham for a total of 292 (as reported by DPH on 5/13)
- 50 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (as reported by the Town Clerk on 5/11. Next update will be 5/25)
- Four public safety employees have had confirmed cases of COVID-19. All four have recovered.

It's important to remember that most people who are confirmed to have COVID-19 recover. For more state data, visit www.mass.gov/coronavirus.

Governor Issues Report Laying Out Phased Approach to Reopening Massachusetts Businesses

Governor Baker today released a report providing some detail about how businesses and other entities in Massachusetts will be allowed to reopen in the coming weeks and months. Phase 1, which begins today allows construction, manufacturing and houses of worship to resume operations with proper safety protocols. Beginning May 25th, additional businesses and facilities, including some recreational facilities, be will be able to open. Town leaders and public health officials are reviewing the report and additional guidance provided by the state and will continue to update the community as more information is available. To read the full report and guidance, visit the [Reopening Massachusetts website](#).

Getting Connected COVID-19 Resources

COVID –19 has changed our lives in many ways and created new needs for some families for programs and services. In response, Needham social service providers have convened to centralize information and resources. Our mission is to make these support systems available through this resource: [Get Connected Needham](#). This resource list includes supports for residents of all ages and income levels and is intended to more easily connect individuals and families to services they may need during this time.

Beginning This Week RTS Closes at Noon on Fridays for Summer

Beginning Friday, May 22, 2020, the Recycling and Transfer Station will close at noon on Fridays during the summer. Regular Friday hours will resume Friday, September 11, 2020. Residents are encouraged to visit the RTS during weekday hours if they can better accommodate social distancing and keep themselves and workers safe

Public Meetings Scheduled for This Week

The following Town boards and commissions meet this week.



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- Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7 pm: Park and Recreation Commission. Watch via Zoom.
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5 pm: Select Board. Watch via Zoom.
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7 pm: Finance Committee. Watch via Zoom
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:15 pm: Planning Board. To view and participate in this virtual meeting on your computer, at the above date and time, go to www.zoom.us click “Join a Meeting” and enter the following ID: 826-5899-3198
- Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9 am: Board of Assessors. Watch via Zoom.

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